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OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices opened in the country during the last three years, State-wise particularly West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra;

(b) the number of the proposals for opening new post offices in the States pending with the Union Government and the line by which the post offices are likely to be opened in these State; and

(c) the number of the post offices upgraded in the afore said States during he last three financial years and those likely to be upgraded in the next three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) The number of Post Offices opened in the country State-wise (including West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra) during the last three years is given in Annexure-A.

(b) No proposal for opening of new Post Offices in the States is pending with the Union Government. The opening of new Post Offices is subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources.

(c) The number of Post Offices upgraded during the last three years in West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Maharashtra is given in Annexure-B. Upgradation of Post Offices depends upon fulfillment of prescribed norms. Hence, it would not be possible to intimate at this juncture the number of Post Offices likely to be upgraded in the next three years as this will depend upon the quantum of workload and financial position of the office.

Annexure-A

Circle wise number of Post Offices opened during the last three years

Sl. No.	Circles	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		BOs	DSOs	BOs	DSOs	BOs	DSOs
1.	ANDHRA	10	2	4	3	6	2
2.	ASSAM	54	5	24	7	30	3
3.	BIHAR	72	2	51	-	70	1
4.	CHHATISGARH	-	-	-		25	1
5.	DELHI	4	2	4	2	4	2
6.	GUJARAT	31	2	28	2	8	4
7	HARYANA	13	3	12	1	2	1
8.	HIMACHAL	7	1	2	1	2	1
9.	J&K	23	1	14	1	5	1
10.	JHARKHAND	-	-	-		1	
11.	KARNATAKA	12	4	21	3	21	2

12. KERALA	12	3	4	2	4	1
13. M.P.	50	5	40	4	15	3
14. MAHARASHTRA	69	3	50	3	60	7
15. NORTH EAST	54	3	19	3	3	3
16. ORISSA	10	2	14	2	10	2
17. PUNJAB	12	2	9	1	12	2
18. RAJASTHAN	30	1	24	1	20	2
19. TAMIL NADU	10	2	15	2	15	2
20. U.P.	82	3	10	2	45	-
21. UTTRANCHAL	-	-	6	1		
22. W. BENGAL	43	4	41	9	-	10
TOTAL	598	50	386	49	363	52

DSOs - Departmental Sub Offices
BOs - Extra Departmental Branch Offices

Annexure-B

Number of Post Offices upgraded during the last three years

Sl.No.	Circle	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	West Bengal	4	9	11
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	1
3.	Maharashtra	Nil	Nil	1